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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 09812.0171-00000

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Yoshizumi MANO et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2161  
Application No.: 10/001,766 ) Examiner: Unkown  
Filed: October 31, 2001 )  
For: INFORMATION PROCESSING ) Confirmation No.: 4322  
APPARATUS, METHOD, AND )  
SYSTEM, CONTENT SALES SYSTEM )  
AND METHOD, TRANSACTION )  
ASSISTING SYSTEM AND METHOD, )  
SERVICE PROVIDING SYSTEM AND )  
METHOD, AND RECORDING )  
MEDIUM )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**STATUS INQUIRY**

According to our records, the above-identified application was filed October 31, 2001. To date, Applicants have not received an Office Action in connection with this application.

In view of these circumstances, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests that the Office advise him of the status of this application as soon as possible in order to determine whether further action by the Applicants is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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